

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed September 11, 2006, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claim 16 is allowed. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that claim 16 is allowed. By means of the present amendment, new claim 18 has been added that includes similar features as allowed claim 16. Accordingly, allowance of claim 18 is respectfully requested.

In the Final Office Action, claims 4 and 7 are objected to for certain informalities. In response, claims 4 and 7 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection to claims 4 and 7 is respectfully requested.

In the Final Office Action, claims 1-4, 7-8, 10 and 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,462,465 (Israel). Further, claims 5 and 6 are

rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Israel in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,801,845 (Kiesel). It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-9 and 13-23 are patentable over Israel and Kiesel for at least the following reasons.

Israel is directed to a shroud for a light producing element 46 that has an elongated visible light reflecting region 20 and a light transmissive region 24 that connect to form a cylinder shaped shroud as shown in FIG 3. As shown in FIG 3 of Israel, the light reflecting region 20 and the light transmissive region 24 are curved sections of a cylindrical shroud 26. These two curved sections are the two longitudinal halves of the cylindrical shroud 26 and are connected to form a hollow cylinder. One half portion 20 of the cylindrical shroud 26 reflects visible light and the other half portion 24 is light transmissive.

The longitudinal light reflective region 20 and the longitudinal transmissive region 24 of the cylinder are discontinuous when viewed in the lateral direction. That is, neither the light reflective region 20 nor the light transmissive region 24 of Israel covers a section of the shroud fully in a lateral direction.

In stark contrast, the present invention as recited in independent claim 1, amongst other patentable elements, requires (illustrative emphasis provided):

wherein the first region is located at a first portion of the lamp bulb fully in a lateral direction of the lamp bulb, and is located at a second portion of the lamp bulb in a longitudinal direction, and wherein the first portion in the lateral direction is located at an end of the second portion in the longitudinal direction substantially near a base of the lamp bulb.

These features are nowhere taught or suggested in Israel. Kiesel is cited for rejecting dependent claims and does not remedy the deficiencies in Israel.

Further, it is respectfully submitted that Israel, Kiesel, and combination thereof, do not teach or suggest the present invention as recited in independent claim 19, which requires (illustrative emphasis provided):

at least a second region which is permeable to blue and green light only.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1 and 18-19 are allowable, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-9, 13-18, 17 and 20-23 should also be allowed at

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least based on their dependence from independent claims 1 and 19.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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